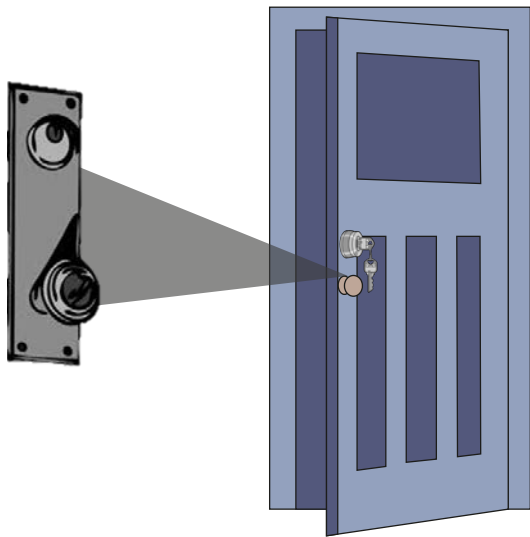


# Entry by Intruders

## How Can I Secure My Home's Doors and Windows?

- **Locking your doors and windows** is the first and easiest defense against home intruders. **Even when you are home**, it's good practice to keep them locked.
- Ensure that **all the locks** on your home's doors and window are **fully functioning**. Replace them if necessary.
- **Upgrade** your home's door and window locks with high quality locks. Make sure that all **exterior door locks have a deadbolt**.



- **Check the strength** of door frames and hinges; **older doors** or doors with **exposed hinges** can increase the risk of a break-in.
- Be sure when you're leaving your home to **double-check door locks** and **first-floor window locks** to make sure they're locked.
- **Use technology to your advantage**. Investing in **smart locks** and **door/window sensors** may be helpful tool.

## What Are the Best Ways to Keep Valuables in My Home Safe?

- **Avoid keeping expensive and valuable items** in your home where a passerby outside could **view them easily**.
- **Don't leave expensive items** such as: electronics, purses, jewelry, cash and other valuable items **near open windows**.



- **Consider installing window treatments** such as curtains, blinds, or security window film to make it more difficult to see inside.
- **Avoid leaving expensive items** like: bicycles, tools and lawncare equipment **unsecured outside of your home**.
- **Consider purchasing a safe or lockbox** to keep things like cash, jewelry, important documents and any of other items of value. If moveable, be sure to **select a concealed and secured place to store the safe or lockbox**.

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## How Can I Make My Home a Less Appealing Target to Intruders?

- **Install outdoor lighting.** The lights can help illuminate the outside of your home at night. For a more energy-efficient choice, consider investing in motion-sensor lights that illuminate only when they detect movement instead of remaining on all the time.



- **Be smart about your hide-a-key.** If you need to hide a key to your home outside, don't hide it in commonly suspected place. Stay away from hiding keys: under doormats, in or under flowerpots, or in mailboxes.
- **Make it look like someone is always home.** You can leave an interior light on or even leave the tv or stereo on. This will give the appearance that someone is home.
- **Have a neighbor, friend or family member collect your mail.** If you are planning to go on vacation for period of time your mail can pile up. This can signal to a potential intruder that no one home.

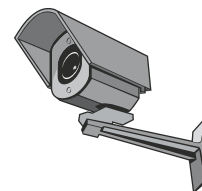


## What Else Can I Do to Protect My Home & Belongings?

- **Lock your garage.** Be sure your garage door and any regular doors or windows in your garage are locked. Consider keeping your garage door opener in your home instead of your car, in case of vehicle break-in. Keep the interior door between your garage and home locked.



- **Invest in a smart video doorbell system, home security system or security cameras.** All of these options can offer extra peace of mind if you are concerned about a home break-in. Be sure to do your research and shop around to find the best systems or coverage plan for your home.



- **Purchase and update your home or renter's insurance.** If theft or damage does occur at your home, receiving compensation can be a long or impossible process without insurance coverage on the items. Make sure that you have insurance coverage and that the coverage amount will allow you to replace all the valuables in your home if they are damaged or stolen.